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Subject: RE: Draft OMB Questions
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I would add that the McLennan County Office of Emergency Management is responsible for developing and maintaining the McLennan County Emergency Operations Plan.

From: Gray, David
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Has EPA issued any public guidance on evacuations, etc. in response to the blast? No. Local authorities determine scope and length of evacuations. The State of Texas is overseeing the response and has not requested DHS FEMA assistance. EPA is assisting TCEQ with air monitoring of the area. TCEQ and TDH is interpreting information in support of the state-lead response.

Is the local community responding under a contingency plan that EPA helped develop?

It is unknown to EPA if the small community of West, Texas, has an independent contingency plan. The City of Waco, McLennan County, and surrounding cities are a LEPC who have a contingency plan that EPA has provide training and assistance with historically.

From: McQuiddy, David
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David,

We received the 2 questions below from OEM, who is crafting a response to OMB.

We propose the following answers - - - do you have any concerns?

- Has EPA issued any public guidance on evacuations, etc. in response to the blast? **No. A desk statement is being prepared in regard to air quality monitoring information for human health concerns for residents to reoccupy their homes.**

Is the local community responding under a contingency plan that EPA helped develop?
Unknown if West, Texas, has an independent contingency plan. The City of Waco, McLennan County, and surrounding cities are a LEPC who have a contingency plan that EPA reviewed historically.

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From: Fitz-James, Schatzi
Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2013 3:20:34 PM
To: Webster, Susan; Ruhl, Christopher; Petersen, Chris; Broyles, Ragan
Cc: Irizarry, Gilberto; Boynton, Lisa; Woodyard, Josh; Guarneiri, Lisa
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Region 6 REOC, Susan, Chris, et.al:
Per Tito's direction, I'm forwarding two questions from OMB for which we need answers from you. Please answer them as you're able to and certainly not before the latest fire drills in which you're immersed. Please reply to all and the HQ EOC. Thank you so much!
Schatzi

From: Woodyard, Josh
Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2013 3:48 PM
To: Fitz-James, Schatzi; Boynton, Lisa; Irizarry, Gilberto
Subject: FW: Draft answers to OMB Questions

Hi folks – I have no idea who could answer these two questions but OMB is looking for some answers. Schatzi/Lisa, I'll swing by.

- Has EPA issued any public guidance on evacuations, etc. in response to the blast?
- Is the local community responding under a contingency plan that EPA helped develop?

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From: Sebring, Meredith
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There are still two questions that need to be addressed. Please edit as necessary. They still need to go through the front office, as well.

Thanks!

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